

# Texas Water Development Board

## A RESOLUTION OF THE TEXAS WATER DEVELOPMENT BOARD

### HONORING

### MELANIE CALLAHAN

(Resolution Number 13-85)

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan has served as Executive Administrator since December 2011 and previously served as Interim Executive Administrator from March 2011 to December 2011, and will retire on August 31, 2013, after completing outstanding service to the Texas Water Development Board (TWDB); and

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan has served in several capacities over her 12 years of service with the TWDB, including those of Fiscal Services Director from September 2001 to July 2007, Acting Chief Financial Officer from November 2005 to May 2006, and Chief Financial Officer from August 2007 to October 2012; and

**WHEREAS**, immediately prior to joining the TWDB, Melanie Callahan served as the Director of Finance for the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department from April 1994 to September 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan has over 30 years of experience managing the finances of various state agencies, including the TWDB, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission, and the Texas Air Control Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan was named 2012 Administrator of the Year by the Texas State Agency Business Administrators' Association (TSABAA) in recognition of her outstanding leadership and significant contributions to state agency business administration; and

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**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting from Baylor University in Waco, Texas, in 1982; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan is a certified public accountant, which allowed her to understand and implement a high level of fiduciary responsibility in the management of the TWDB's financing activities; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan successfully oversaw an agency with a \$5.5 billion loan and grant portfolio and a \$3.2 billion debt portfolio and led the charge to ensure the fiscal integrity of the TWDB's financing programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan provided leadership during the historic passage of the amendment of the Texas Constitution Article III Section 49-d-11 granting the agency \$6 billion in evergreen constitutional authority, which will perpetually provide cost effective water financing for future generations; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan provided vision and direction to bring the agency and its borrowers successfully through the Great Recession; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan is a devoted wife and mother, supported by her husband Ken Callahan and her three daughters, Billie, Kenni, and Taylor; and

**WHEREAS**, Melanie Callahan prefers Baylor green over any other color, especially orange; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the fiduciary responsibility to the citizens of the State of Texas remained at the forefront of Melanie Callahan's thoughts and actions during her state service.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** the Board takes great pleasure in recognizing the significant professional achievements of Melanie Callahan, and herewith expresses its sincere gratitude for the invaluable contributions she has made to the Texas Water Development Board and to the State of Texas.

**THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the Texas Water Development Board acknowledges and honors, through this resolution, the work of Melanie Callahan, and wishes her great success and happiness in the future.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, we do hereby cause our signatures and the seal of the Texas Water Development Board to be affixed hereon, this the 15th day of August 2013.